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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This response is to the Office Action dated May 18, 2004, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on August 18, 2004. This response is timely filed because a two-month extension of time has been paid for and requested. The Applicants request reconsideration of the application.

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